

REMARKS

Claims 28–33, as amended, and new claims 35-41 are pending in this application. The Specification has been amended to reflect that the present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/962,644, filed September 26, 2001, now pending. All prior patents of which the instant application claims priority to have been incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Claims 1-27 and 34 have been canceled. In addition, independent claim 28 has been amended to further clarify the present invention. Furthermore, new claims 35-41 have been added to recite additional embodiments of the present invention, which are supported in the present Specification as follows:

Claim(s)	Support in Specification
35-36	Page 15, lines 25-27; Page 28, lines 6-8
37	Page 16, lines 21-25
38	Page 16, line 29 to Page 17, line 2
39-40	Page 17, line 30 to Page 18, line 7
41	Page 36, lines 24-25; Page 38, lines 14-15

As no new matter has been added by the amendments herein, Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments at this time. All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorneys to discuss any issues pertaining to the patentability of the pending claims.

No fees are believed to be due for this amendment. Should any fee be required, however, please charge such fee to Swidler Berlin Shreff Friedman, LLP Deposit Account No. 195127, Order No. 20002.0095A.

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